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SUBJ: FONMIN DESIRES CONSULTATION RE POSSIBLE SC ACTION

SHOULD ISRAELI RAIDS CONTINUE

1. FON MIN NAFFAH ASKED ME TO CALL THIS MORNING. HE REFERRED TO RECENT ISRAELI RAIDS AGAINST SIDON, TYRE AND SARAFAND. NOTED THAT GOL HAD ADDRESSED LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL BUT HAD NOT RPT NOT SOUGHT MEETING, NAFFAH CONTINUED THAT SHOULD THERE BE ANOTHER RAID AGAINST LEBANON HE WOULD BE UNDER "TREMENDOUS" PRESSURE FROM PUBLIC AND OTHER MEMBERS CABINET, INCLUDING FRANGIE, TO SEEK INVOCATION SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ALLEGED THAT YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING WAS FIRERY ON THIS ISSUE AND IT HAD BEEN ONLY WITH GREATEST DIFFICULTY THAT HE WAS ABLE TO SETTLE FOR LETTER. THEREFORE HE WANTED TO KNOW THAT IF RAIDS CONTINUED HE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE OBLIGED SEEK SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AND REQUEST ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

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2. ANJORDING TO NAFFAH, HE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTANDS DIFFICULTY

SUCH AN ACTION WOULD CAUSE FOR USG. HE REFERRED TO HIS LATEST MEETING WITH SECRETARY AND SAID HE UNDERSTANDS SECRETARY'S PROBLEMS AND BELIEVES SECRETARY UNDERSTANDS HIS. THE THEREFORE WISHED WARN US AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS, I.E., HE WISHED "CONSULT" WITH US NOW. I TOLD HIM I WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AND CITED OUR POSITION ON ANY ACTS OF TERRORISM. NAFFAH SAID THAT ALTHOUGH FATAH AND SA'IQA REPS AT CAIRO HAD PROMISED FOREGO ANY TERRORISM FROM LEBANON, HE WAS WORRIED THAT OTHER PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS MIGHT DISREGARD THESE ASSURANCES. SUCH ACTION, HE FEARED, WOULD THEN RESULT IN ISRAELI REPRISALS.

3. UPON LEAVING NAFFAH'S OFFICE, I HAD A FEW WORDS WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR WHO WAS WAITING FOR AN APPOINTMENT ON HIS INITIATIVE. IN OUR BRIEF EXCHANGE BRIT AMB SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SPEAK STRONGLY AGAINST ANY SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION.

4. PLEASE INSTRUCT URGENTLY.
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